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To the Honorable Members of the Senate:

I am vetoing SB 532 in its entirety.

This bill would prohibit University of Wisconsin System institutions from charging students any incidental or supplemental fee for exclusively online courses unless: (a) such a fee is charged to cover actual costs incurred that are related to offering the course online, and would not be charged if the student would attend the course in person; or (b) such a fee is charged for enrolling in an equivalent course offered in person.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Wisconsin State Legislature's ongoing efforts to undermine the University of Wisconsin System and the Board of Regents by inserting itself into the daily decision making on University of Wisconsin campuses. If lawmakers sincerely cared about the soaring costs of higher education for students on Wisconsin campuses, they would have approved any number of the countless measures and investments I have proposed over my tenure to ensure the University of Wisconsin System can survive and thrive without having to frequently rely on raising tuition or increasing various fees for students and families. Moreover, this legislation risks reducing the availability of online course opportunities that students rely on for a flexible and accessible education.

I welcome the Legislature to focus on addressing Wisconsin's workforce challenges, providing funding for the system to meet the challenges facing higher education, and expanding opportunities for students.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Evers".

Tony Evers
Governor